



The Brunei delegation at the Brunei International Airport prior to departure

Youths destined for extensive Japanese exposure

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NINETEEN Bruneians headed to Japan recently for the JENESYS (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths) 2016 programme.

The delegation of nine students and ten youths are joining 200 other youths from 10 countries, including eight Asean member countries, Timor-Leste and India.

After spending two days in Tokyo, the participants will be divided into three groups to visit the Miyagi, Aichi, and Osaka prefectures respectively.

In each prefecture, they will make a courtesy call to the local government and attend information sessions about its local characteristics, as well as its connection to their home countries.

These visits will be followed by a trip to an automobile, air-conditioner, or analytical/medical instruments factory, such as Toyota Motor Corporation, Mitsubishi Motors, Daikin Industries, Shimadzu Corporation or the state-of-the-art horticultural facilities of GRA Incorporated, an advanced agricultural production company.

They will also have a chance to visit Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and hear from local Japanese companies that are interested in trading with or investing in their home countries.

Additionally, participants will be extensively exposed to Japanese history and culture through visits to historical sites such as Narita-san Shinshoji Temple, Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Okazaki Castle or the Samurai Museum. They will also

experience traditional culture or art such as a tea ceremony, knife sharpening or wadaiko (Japanese drums).

Some participants will experience a homestay or home visit with a local host family, while others will stay at local farms where they will meet people in the local community.

Throughout the programme, students and youths will not only learn about and experience cultural and historical aspects of Japan, but will also witness and learn about the advanced technology used by Japanese manufacturers, as well as meet Japanese people who are very keen to build business relationships with Brunei Darussalam.

The Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam hopes that JENESYS 2016 will

contribute to cultivating talented people to lead the way forward for economic diversification within Brunei.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan promotes people-to-people exchanges between Japan and various nations within the Asia-Pacific, North American, European, Latin American, and Caribbean regions.

The Asian and Oceanian regional component of this exchange programme is called JENESYS 2016. Approximately 3,400 youths will be involved with JENESYS 2016 between Japan and Asean member states (AMS), Timor-Leste and India.

The theme 'Economics' has been set to strengthen Asia-Pacific economic partnership. Under JENESYS 2016, 2,360 youths from AMS, Timor-Leste and India have been invited to Japan.



Rector of UNISSA Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal with the SAP Student Programme participants and senior UNISSA officials

UNISSA holds thanksgiving prayer for SAP students

UNIVERSITI Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) through its Division of Student Affairs recently held a thanksgiving prayer for students pursuing UNISSA's Study Abroad Programme (SAP).

The ceremony is a show of appreciation and support for the students of the programme for the 2016/2017 academic session.

The 12 students will follow the Study Abroad Programme at the University of Jordan; International Islamic University in Malaysia, University of Durham in the United Kingdom, and for the first time, at the University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates and University of Sultan Qaboos in Oman.

The programme falls under the student academic development programme which is for students who excelled academically and are active in extra-curricular activities.

Rector of UNISSA cum guest of honour Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal offered words of encouragement to the students.

Noting that perseverance is a powerful tool to help students, he said, "This is because there are no shortcuts to success. All the hardship and trials are required to achieve real excellence."

Reminding students to be aware of the country's expectations of them, he pointed out that such development programmes looks to produce students

that are dynamic and of high quality, and who will eventually lead the country in the future.

Ustaz Supri bin Haji Sudin, the Dean of Students and chairman of the ceremony, and other senior officers were also present at the ceremony.

Mohammad Adika Yusra bin Mohammad Yusof, selected to pursue his studies at the University of Sharjah, expressed gratitude for being selected for this SAP in the field of Islamic banking.

"I will use this opportunity to gain more knowledge and experience and will apply all the knowledge for the advancement of religion, race and nation," he said.

Pan Bright to launch 'Travel & Win a Car' promo

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THE upcoming Brunei Travel Fair 2016 will see Pan Bright Travel Service launching its 3rd 'Travel & Win a Car' promotion, which is set to run from September 2 to March 31, 2017.

In a press release, Pan Bright stated that this time around the promotion will be conducted differently, where one lucky individual will have an option of either driving home a brand new Hyundai Accent or bagging an exclusive Hermes 'Birkin' bag.

The lucky draw packs chances for individuals to win monthly air ticket to Kota Kinabalu, Saigon, Bali or Singapore.

The grand prize of Hyundai Accent or an exclusive Hermes bag is sponsored by Pan Bright Travel, while other prizes up for grabs - including air tickets to London, Melbourne and Tokyo - are sponsored by Royal Brunei Airlines and Singapore Airlines.

The 2014/2015 grand prize winner was Zuriana binti Abdul Latif, who won the keys to the car just a day before her birthday.

The 2015/2016 winner was Wasli bin Haji Hamid, who gifted the car to his wife, but uses it to pick up his kids from time to time.

"This initiative which started three years ago is for our loyal customers as a show of gratitude for their continuous support," said Pan Bright Travel Service Sales and Business Development Manager Nur Khadijah binti Abdullah.